

CHANGES TO THE CITY'S
ELECTION CAMPAIGN CONTROL ORDINANCE
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 11, 2006

Amended Section	Section Name	Notes
27.2903	Definitions	Adds newly defined terms “clearly identified candidate,” “clearly identified measure,” “electioneering communication,” “mass campaign literature,” and “professional fees and costs”; changes the term “internal communications” to “member communications”
27.2915	Campaign Contribution Checking Account for Ballot Measure Committees	Repealed; substance added to section 27.2916
27.2916	Campaign Contribution Checking Account	Now includes all primarily formed recipient committees
27.2921	Carryover of Contributions	Clarifies that candidate may not use contributions collected for general election to pay campaign expenditures incurred in connection with an earlier primary election
27.2930	Base Level of Campaign Statements and Disclosures	New provision for special elections: requires contributions to be reported on campaign statement with “(S)” for special election or “(R)” for special run-off election
27.2938	Restrictions on Time Period of Contributions	Exempts officeholders facing a recall election from the twelve-month time period otherwise applicable to the collection of contributions
27.2945	Notification Regarding Reimbursement Prohibition	Clarifies that disclosure must be easily legible and contrast with the background
27.2950	Prohibitions and Limits on Contributions From Organizations	Clarifies that prohibition applies only to contributions made in candidate elections
27.2955	Obligation to Return Contributions	Requires the return of improper contributions (received but not deposited) within 30 days of receipt; adds a grace period for improper contributions that are deposited: must be returned within 10 days of deposit or before filing deadline, whichever is earlier
27.2956	Return of Contributions – Mistaken Identity	New section; allows committees to return contributions improperly deposited because of confusion regarding the contributor’s identity
27.2965	Legal Defense Fund	Clarifies that legal defense funds may be used for attorney, treasurer, fundraiser, or any other person retained to perform services reasonably related to the purpose for which a legal defense fund is created

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27.2969	Termination of Legal Defense Fund	Allows leftover monies in a legal defense fund to be repaid to contributors on a “last in, first out” or “first in, first out” accounting basis instead of on a pro rata basis
27.2970	Mass Campaign Literature (formerly “Mass Mailings”)	Provides that candidates and independent expenditure committees must adhere to the same campaign advertising rules. They must include the requisite “paid for by” disclosure in 12 point type on mailers, yard signs, door hangers, and other types of mass distributed communications
27.2971	Telephone Communications	Instead of making a “paid for by” disclosure, persons subject to the provision must make an “on behalf of” disclosure and identify the entity paying for the resources (e.g., purchase of a contact list, development of a script, overhead expenses, and telephone charges) for the communication
27.2972	Billboard Advertising	Clarifies that disclosure applies to communications supporting or opposing one or more City measures or candidates for elective City office
27.2974	Independent Expenditures Supporting a Candidate	Repealed; substance moved to sections 27.2970 and 27.2974
27.2974	Disclosure on Advertisements in Mass Media (formerly “Independent Expenditures Supporting a Candidate”)	New section; requires “paid for by” disclosure on campaign advertising that appears in a newspaper, periodical, magazine, or on a website
27.2975	Expenditures Supporting a Ballot Measure	Exempts general purpose recipient committees from reporting identity of donors on advertising
27.2976	Identification of Entities Supporting Ballot Measures	Exempts general purpose recipient committees from reporting identity of donors on advertising
27.2980	Disclosure of Electioneering Communications	New section; requires persons who spend \$1,000 or more disseminating an electioneering communication to disclose their identity, the amount of the payment for the communication, and the source of funds used to make the communication. Electioneering communications are defined as communication that do not expressly advocate the election or defeat of a candidate but nonetheless clearly identify the candidate and are distributed within 90 days of an election